

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 752
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A RESOLUTION to recognize David Wilson on the occasion of his retirement after thirty years of public service to Goodlettsville.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to recognize the contributions of those Tennesseans who, throughout their working careers and years of public service, have made significant contributions to their communities and have provided outstanding leadership in improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, David Wilson is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; throughout his exemplary tenure as Goodlettsville City Manager, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson began his career in public service in 1973 when he was appointed to the Goodlettsville Planning and Zoning Board; and

WHEREAS, the people of Goodlettsville collectively voiced their faith in Mr. Wilson's ability and leadership when they elected him to the city's Board of Commissioners in 1974; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity on the Board until 1985, including a five-year stint as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, this gifted leader became Goodlettsville City Manager; and

WHEREAS, when he concludes his meritorious tenure at the end of January, Mr. Wilson will have completed a term which has been marked by remarkable growth; when he first became involved in Goodlettsville government, the city's population was approximately 6,000, and it now stands at nearly 15,000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson has provided invaluable leadership in ensuring that Goodlettsville maintains its wonderful, small town atmosphere, and community spirit, while enjoying the commercial benefits that have been brought by Rivergate Mall; and

WHEREAS, during David Wilson's three-decade tenure, Goodlettsville also saw its boundaries grow beyond Davidson County, with annexations that extended into Sumner County in 1973, 1978, and 1986; and

WHEREAS, he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers in local government and his constituents alike for his dedication to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated administrator has led Goodlettsville triumphantly into the 21st century and played a key role in the revitalization and renaissance of the city; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, he maintains the highest family and community values, and he especially looks forward to the increased amount of time he will now be able to spend with his wife and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, David Wilson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; his dedication to progress, foresight, and great energy have had a profound positive impact upon the lives of the people of Goodlettsville, and he is worthy of much praise and approbation; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Mr. David Wilson on his honorable and astute service to the good people of Goodlettsville as City Manager, Mayor, and Commissioner, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and wish him much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy